

Dr. P. R. LOWE exhibited an example of the rare Sharp-tailed Sandpiper (*Aechmorhynchus cancellatus*), which had been obtained by the Whitney South Sea Expedition, and made some remarks on its affinities.

On behalf of M. Jean Delacour, Mr. KINNEAR pointed out that the name *Lanius colluroides melanocephalus*, Bull. B. O. C. xlvii. p. 13, is preoccupied by *Lanius melanocephalus* Gmelin, and proposed to substitute in its place

*Lanius colluroides nigricapillus*, nom. nov.,

for the form of the Burmese Shrike found in S. Annam.

Dr. V. G. L. VAN SOMEREN sent the following description of a new subspecies of Woodpecker:—

*Campothera abingdoni kavirondensis*, subsp. nov.

In this race the spotting of the upperside is intermediate between that of the races *suhelicus* and *mombassicus*; and differs from both in the much wider black streaks on the breast and flanks. In the male and to a lesser degree in the female, a black wedge-shaped patch extends from the chin to the upper breast.

*Type* in my own collection. ♂ adult. Lolgorien, South Kavirondo, May 1925.

*Obs.*—Seven examples of this race have been taken in the type-locality or near vicinity.

#### NOTICES.

The next Meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, January 12th, 1927, at PAGANI'S RESTAURANT, 42-48 Great Portland Street, W. 1. The Dinner at 7 p.m.

Members intending to dine might kindly inform the Hon. Secretary, Dr. G. C. Low, 86 Brook Street, Grosvenor Square, W. 1.

Members who intend to make any communication at the next Meeting of the Club are requested to give notice beforehand to the Editor, Mr. N. B. Kinnear, at the Natural History Museum, South Kensington, S.W. 7, and to give him their MSS. for publication in the 'Bulletin' not later than at the Meeting.

